

# The Week ahead (July 7, 2024)

A weekly newsletter from the Alliance Amateur Radio Club



## First up

I wonder if you all are as tired of seeing that picture as I am? In Just a few days, we'll draw the winning ticket to see who wins the Yaesu FT-710AESS.

Sales weren't as brisk this year, but we still did well. Many thanks to all of you who assisted in so many ways. Whether you helped sell tickets, or shared the info far & wide, of bought tickets, you all helped this project to succeed.

As of the time of this writing, there are exactly 217 tickets remaining for this years drawing, and I'm still pushing to get the word out.

One thing I noticed this year is that the number of people recognizing us at the Hamfests have increased. They let me know that we are doing a good thing, and tell me that they already have tickets in hand (Most buy more – *Just in case*).

We'll be doing Facebook live with the club Facebook group again this year. You can expect that to happen about 7pm on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

We'll be back in spring of 2025 with our next one. Make sure to come out to our August meeting for the final numbers. Also, since we donate 50% of our profits to local charities, please try to make the August meeting as we choose this year's recipients.

Last week, I did a really quick newsletter. I hope to never do that again. I still have a ton of pictures to post to the website, and to Facebook, but it'll happen shortly.

Right now, we're planning for the Special Event operation. Here's the bullet points:

- We'll be in the August issue of QST under Special Events
- We will be posting a sample of the certificate in the next couple weeks. This will be on our website, and our QRZ page.
- The Special event operation will happen between August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>
- We'll be setting up the club stations at Silver Park on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Times are a bit fluid at the moment, but plan on maybe 5pm – 8 pm. The purpose is to help some of the newer ops to get comfortable with the operation of a Special Event Station
- You'll be able to sign up to operate from your own station, either at home, or portable. I intend to do some POTA activations using the club callsign. That's right, W8LKY is registered with Parks On The Air.

**Club meeting** – Once we take care of the drawing, we'll be moving into meeting mode. We have a couple things on the agenda this month.

- Pam Kleinhans has volunteered to decorate the trailer for the parade. She is also thinking of adding walkers to our parade entry. She'll need help from all of us.
- Just to start you thinking about it, we'll be talking at the August meeting about possible projects to undertake using the very generous grant from the QCWA. If you have ideas for a club project, please let us know
- As mentioned above, we'll also be discussing (at the August Meeting) possible charities for this year's giving campaign.

## Where to find The Newsletter

You can read the back-issues of our newsletters on the website. There was a lot of work to do, but everything that we have in PDF format is available on the website at

<https://www.w8lky.org/newsletter/>

I still have lots of things to scan from the old days. You never know what might show up.

BTW, if you have any old print issues of the newsletter, please let me know before you pitch them. I would love to archive this stuff.

## AARC Club Breakfast



Our monthly breakfast is coming up this Saturday (June 1st). As usual, we'll be at Don Panchos (2105 W. State St, Alliance). Officially, the breakfast starts at 8:30am, but I'm always amazed at the number of folks who show up at 8am.

The breakfast is open to all. All that is required is an interest in Ham Radio. Everyone is welcome, regardless of when you show up.

## Stark All County Club Picnic!

*Join us when all clubs come  
together for lunch and fellowship!  
Bring a dish to pass and your appetite!*

**August 31  
10am - 3pm**

Jaycee Pavilion  
At Butler-Rodman Park  
West State St. Alliance



**Stark County Radio Club picnic** – Save the date for Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 10am –3pm. We will be at the Jaycee Shelter in Butler Rodman Park.

Plans are still being made at this time, and I'm open to suggestions. At time of year, I'd bet that corn will be on the menu.

## W8LKY Special Event

During the Carnation Festival (August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>), we'll be putting W8LKY on the air as a special event station. We'll be offering some in the park opportunities, and you will be able to sign up to run the callsign from your own station.

People who we contact can then request a certificate via E-Mail (for free), or a certificate & QSL card via Mail (With a SASE & \$1).

Details will be posted on our website ([w8lky.org](http://w8lky.org)), and our QRZ page (<https://www.qrz.com/db/W8LKY>). Also, this special event will be in the August issue of QST.

### Get On The Air Day – August 5<sup>th</sup>

We'll be holding another Get on the Air Day the JayCee Pavilion in Silver Park. Time will be about 3pm till whenever.

We'll set up a station or two, and demonstrate how to run a Special Event. I'll confirm the times as we get a bit closer, but this will be a great time to get out and enjoy our beautiful park system while playing radio. Oh yes, you'll be able to ask questions too!

### Carnation Festival Grand Parade

As we've been doing for the last few years, the club will be providing parade for the Greater Alliance Carnation Festival Grand Parade on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, please contact Ron, KE8HCY.

Also, we'll again have the club trailer decorated and entered as a float in the parade. Pam Kleinhans has volunteered to decorate the trailer and orchestrate that part of our participation. She'll need help from all of us, so let's give her our support.

## Wednesday Morning Coffee Break



A group of our retirees (and 2<sup>nd</sup> shifters) gather each Wednesday morning around 9 AM at the Alliance Sheetz on W. State St for good coffee, and conversation. Hope you can join us.

### **The Alliance Amateur Radio Club seeks to**

- Promote fraternalism
- Educate and advance radio knowledge and individual operating efficiency
- Provide public service communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies
- Conduct club programs and other activities that advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in our community, county, and state.

## What's up with the ARRL?

Here's some of the latest ARRL News from their news feed.

- [The K7RA Solar Update](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-05
- [New ARRL Section Managers](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-03
- [ARRL Systems Service Disruption](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-03
- [ARRL Logbook of The World Returns to Service](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-03
- [ARRL Headquarters is Closed on Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-03
- [ARRL VEC Services Update During Systems Disruption](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-02
- [Call for Nominations for ARRL Director and Vice Director](#)  
Source: American Radio Relay League | Ham Radio Association and Resources Published on 2024-07-01

## AARC Fundraiser Is Almost Finished



### Yaesu FT-710 AESS

Our 2024 HF Rig Raffle is winding down!  
Wednesday is the last day to purchase tickets online

**Only 217 tickets remain**

**(The Paypal button will be removed Wednesday, July 10th  
around 12 Noon EDT, or shortly afterwards)**

[https://www.w8lky.org/hf\\_rig\\_raffle/](https://www.w8lky.org/hf_rig_raffle/)

You can also purchase tickets in person at any club event,  
or online at the above link.

**This year, the ticket prices are:**

**1 for \$5**

**5 for \$20**

**12 for 40**

**15 for \$50**

**(Paypal adds a small handling charge to all online sales)**

[https://www.w8lky.org/hf\\_rig\\_raffle/](https://www.w8lky.org/hf_rig_raffle/)

## Upcoming VE Exams

7/20 - Massillon - [https://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/massillon-oh-44646-8407-14](https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/massillon-oh-44646-8407-14)

8/3 – Ravenna - [https://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/ravenna-oh-44266-2191-86](https://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/ravenna-oh-44266-2191-86)

For more VE exam dates - <https://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

**For more information about the AARC Exam sessions -  
<https://www.w8lky.org/licenses-ve-testing/ve-exams/>**

## Hamfest Calendar

you can look up local Hamfests by going to our website,  
or just [click here](#).

7/13 – Erie, PA – **NW PA Hamfest**

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/nw-pa-hamfest-5>

7//20 – Pierpont, OH - **Ashtabula County Hamfest 2024**

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/ashtabula-county-hamfest-2024>

7/20 – Elyria, OH – **Noarsfest**

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/noarsfest-11>

8/03 – Columbus, OH – **2024 Columbus Hamfest**

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/2024-columbus-hamfest>

8/18 – Cortland, OH - **Warren Hamfest**

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/warren-hamfest-1>

9/8 – Findlay, OH – **Findlay Hamfest**

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/findlay-hamfest-11>

10/27 – N. Canton, OH – **2024 MARC Hamfest at MAPS**

<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/2024-marc-hamfest-at-maps>



## Our Net Schedule

### **Monday**

440 MHz Net

7:00 PM EDT - 442.350 FM (PL 131.8)

### **Tuesday**

Homeland Security Net

7:00 PM EDT - 147.510 FM

### **Tuesday**

6 Meter Digital Net

8:00 PM EDT - 50.292.25

Olivia 8/500 (1500hz)

### **Thursday**

7:30 PM EDT - 28.122

Olivia 8/500 (1500hz)

### **Thursday**

8:00 PM EDT - 28.423 SSB

### **Thursday**

9:00 PM EDT - 145.370 FM

You can learn more about these nets on our Net page at <https://www.w8lky.org/activities/our-nets/>

## Meet Your Officers / Volunteers

**President:** John, WG8X

**Vice-President:** Steve, KB8RFE

**Secretary:** Alex, KE8VXG

**Treasurer:** Paul, K2ASA

**1 yr Trustee:** Howard, K8DXR

**2 yr Trustee:** Joe, N8JEW

**3 yr Trustee:** Jim, K8WUP

**President Emeritus/Chaplain:** Ron, KE8HCY

### Net Controls

Lorin Kleinhans, KD8WVE: 440 MHz Net

Steve Collins, KB8RFE: 6 Meter Digital Net

10 Meter Digital Net

James Andrews, KD8VT: Homeland security Net

John Myers, WG8X: 10 Meter SSB Net

Tomas St. George, KC8ZEH: 2 Meter Net

For a complete net schedule, scroll down, or go to our net page at

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